

Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

May 12, 2010, Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Urbandale Public Library

3520 86th Street

Urbandale, IA 50322

MEETING NOTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Those in attendance included:

Karen Goehring, Iowa Workforce Development, Chair

Margi Ness, United We Ride Ambassador, Vice-Chair

Michelle McEnany, Iowa Department of Transportation

Bridget Bartlett, Region 8 Mobility Coordinator

Gina Johnson, Region 10 Mobility Manager

Nicki Stajcar, Iowa Department of Elder Affairs

Becky Harker, Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

Tim Weltzin, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Dylan Mullenix, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Doreen Chamberlin, Iowa Department of Public Health

Kristin Haar, Iowa Department of Transportation

II. Review March 10, 2010, Meeting Notes

III. Mobility Manager Job Description

The ITCC members reviewed the proposed Sample Mobility Manager Job Description and approved the description, but not its distribution. Nicki Stajcar suggested the group create a pictorial depiction of a mobility manager to help visual learners determine all of roles a mobility manager can fulfill.

IV. ITCC Action Plan

Becky Harker led the group in a discussion about her proposed format for the ITCC Action Plan. Action Plan activities identified by the group included development of a website, providing guidance to mobility managers, increasing awareness of the benefits of mobility managers, and profiling each transit region. Goals included all Iowans having access to mobility management and all Iowans have access to transportation.

The Action Plan Subcommittee will work on the action plan over the summer and report back to the full ITCC in September.

V. Member Binder Materials Review

ITCC members reviewed the materials assembled for inclusion in the ITCC Member Binder. It was suggested to add a map of the transit district planner regions, the action plan, member contact information, a welcome letter from the Chair, and past accomplishments.

The group also determined that the ITCC new member meeting would be held on November 10; the member binders will be distributed at that time.

VI. May 2011 Transportation Coordination Conference

This item allowed ITCC members to offer their ideas for a Transportation Coordination Conference. Members suggested holding the meeting on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in the Des Moines area.

Topics suggested included:

- GreenRide
- ITCC
- DOT Initiatives (New Freedom, JARC) with best practices
- Transportation Consumers
- Transportation Leaders
- Volunteer Transportation
- FTA Administrator as keynote?
- Coordination
- National Conference of State Legislators
- Have this conference act as the lead in to a coordination institute?
- Health Reform
- Medicaid (IME)
- Regional Roundtables
- Possible theme, "How to develop a great partnership with human service agencies and public transit agencies."

VII. ITCC Website Update

Kristin Haar noted that work on the ITCC website has begun and will continue to work on content. The group suggested adding links to Passenger Transportation Plans and to Area Agency on Aging Area Plans.

VIII. Member Roundtable and Recognition

ITCC members recognized Nicki Stajcar's upcoming retirement. Gina Johnson brought a cake in Ms. Stajcar's honor.

Several highlights from the member roundtable:

- Ms. Stajcar reported that Area Agency on Aging Area Plans were recently approved; some with local goals for transportation. The plans will be on the web soon. The older driver website has gone live: www.iowasafeandmobileseniors.com.
- Ms. Johnson noted her region is working with the AARP Livable Communities on volunteer transportation.
- Bridget Bartlett stated that her region is still interested in GreenRide and is pursuing further information.
- Karen Goehring reported that MAPA is conducting a transportation needs survey and looking into a Way to Work program with JARC funds to purchase used cars for low-income persons to get to work.
- Tim Weltzin reported on the Medicaid brokerage. The brokerage was awarded to TMS out of Clearwater, Florida. The contract has an October 1, 2010, effective date. The broker is to contract with transportation providers (IME will provide arbitration, if necessary). With the implementation of the Medicaid brokerage, Medicaid will now cover the cost of transportation to all medical appointments, both in and out of the community. The broker will be paid a capitated rate per Iowa Medicaid member per month. The broker pays the transportation provider, choosing the most appropriate mode. Public transit systems will have the first right of refusal. The broker is responsible for education of the Medicaid members, transportation providers, and volunteers.
- Margi Ness noted that the recently passed healthcare bill included 25-30 Million people will now covered under the same rules as Medicaid, including non-emergency transportation. Ms. Ness also mentioned that Region 6 (PeopleRides) is working with her to improve productivity and counter the currently weak local support for public transit.

IX. United We Ride National Dialogue Final Report

This report was released in early 2010. The Executive Summary was included in the agenda packet.

X. State Human Service Transportation Coordinating Councils: An Overview and State Profiles

This report was provided as an information item. Margi Ness told the ITCC members to contact her with any needed changes.

XI. September 8, 2010, Meeting Agenda Items

More discussion on the action plan will be included.

XII. Other Business

Margi Ness recommended having a CTAA representative attend the Iowa Public Transit Association's Annual Meeting to discuss how to negotiate with a Medicaid broker. Kristin Haar will work with IPTA to get this on the agenda.

**XIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:
(No July Meeting)**

September 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location to be Determined

November 10, 2010 – New Member Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location to be Determined